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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the filing of the above-identified application, kindly enter the following preliminary amendments.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

<u>Page 1, line 2,</u> please insert the following text:

# -- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is a divisional of Serial No. 09/393,433, filed September 10,

1999. --

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## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

## Please cancel claims 1-3 and 9 without prejudice.

## Please amend the claims as follows:

- 11. (Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim [9 or] 10, wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is liquid, semi-solid, or solid.
- 12. (Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim [9 or] 10, further comprising a neurotropic factor.
- 19. (Amended) The method of claims [15 or 16] <u>15-16 or 25</u>, wherein said neurological condition is Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, Down's Syndrome, stroke, cardiac arrest, sciatic crush, spinal cord injury, injury to sensory neurons, or degenerative disease of the retina.

#### Please add the following claims:

- 24. A method of stimulating growth of neuronal cells, comprising administering an isolated multimeric Mts1 protein complex of claim 4 to said neuronal cells.
- 25. A method of treating a neurological condition in a subject, wherein said neurological condition is characterized by neuronal degeneration, death or injury, comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of an isolated multimeric Mts1 protein complex of claim 4 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

#### REMARKS

Applicants request that the order of inventors be listed as follows: Elisabeth Marianne Bock, Vladimir Berezin and Eugene Lukanidin.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments do not introduce new subject matter. Support for added claims 24-25 can be found in the specification, e.g., at page 18, lines 11-18 and pages 35-39. It is respectfully submitted that the present case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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